

Angus & Robertson – Castlereagh Street Staff & Memories (1960–1972)

This record preserves memories of Angus & Robertson's famous flagship store at **89 Castlereagh Street, Sydney**, during the years 1960–1972. It now includes a **timeline of key events** in the history of the store, alongside the recollections and photographs provided by **Richard Wakefield**.

Timeline of Angus & Robertson, Castlereagh Street

1895 – Angus & Robertson open their flagship store at 89 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

1910s–30s – The store becomes a central hub for books, publishing, and Sydney's literary culture.

1946 – Post-war boom years; photographs show the bustling interior filled with readers and staff.

1960 – **Richard Wakefield** begins work at Castlereagh Street, joining a staff including Tim Blyth, Clarrie Eling, Noel Gervan, and others.

1960–72 – Richard's years at the store; remembered as a lively workplace and landmark bookshop.

1971–72 – Angus & Robertson move to Pitt Street's Imperial Arcade, closing the Castlereagh shop after 77 years.

January 1975 – The old Castlereagh Street building is destroyed in a major fire.

Later years – A&R; continues in new Pitt St and suburban locations, remaining part of Australian bookselling heritage.